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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 68-86, 98-110, 114 and 115.

Amend claims 62 to read as follows:

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62. (Amended) A security device for use inside an automatic teller machine, the security device comprising coupling device for engaging the security device with a cash cassette of an automatic teller machine, spoiling means for spoiling the contents of the cassette and a controller, in which a monitor is provided to signal when the cash cassette has correctly coupled to the security device and that a delivery path for delivering the spoiling means has not been tampered with, and in which the security device communicates with a transportation means used to deliver the cash cassette to the ATM, and inhibits the transportation means from releasing the cash cassette if the delivery path has been tampered with.

Add new claims 123 - 136

Add the following claims:

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-123 A first security system, comprising spoiling means for spoiling the contents of a container in the event of an attack characterized in that the container is a portable container and the security system further comprises locking means for locking the security system onto the portable container to be protected during transportation, and control means for controlling operation of the locking means and the spoiling means, communication means for exchanging

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